

NOTEBOOK

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

How quickly time flies – in some ways it feels like we just started a new school year and here we are, approaching Winter holidays and nearing the end of 2025!

On behalf of the North Vancouver Teachers' Association Executive Committee, I would firstly, like to thank you for all you do, every day, in your privileged roles as teachers. As usual, teachers have been constant in their efforts to meet the needs of their students and their families, while also contributing to a myriad of extra-curricular activities, reporting on student goals and progress and somehow also attending to your obligations outside of work. Wow, you are all amazing and we thank you.

I would like to send a special shout out of appreciation to all teachers who support the work of the union in some capacity: CSRs who support and advocate for their colleagues at their respective schools while coming to monthly Representative Assemblies, ProD Reps, OH&S Reps, Social Justice Reps, JEPIC Reps, SBRT Reps and Staff Committee Chairs and Secretaries. In addition, many of you have volunteered your time to PSAs and joint NVSD/NVTA Committees. THANK YOU!

Your Table Officers have been advocating for you and working to support you by answering your questions expediently, attending BCTF provincial meetings, attending NVSD Board Meetings, Standing Committees and joint committees, upholding grievance processes, providing union representation daily, sharing information via the Notebook, RAs and soliciting your feedback via surveys.

At this time of year when we take a break to celebrate peace, love and kindness within our respective cultures and traditions, and transition to winter, we wish you a time to rest, rejuvenate and enjoy. We also recognize that the holidays can be a difficult time for some. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us for mental health support at any time, and especially at this time of year.

We wish you all the best for an end to 2025 and look forward to seeing all of you back on January 5, 2026!

Please note if you need assistance over the winter break, please call the BCTF at 1-800-663-9163 (the BCTF will be closed December 24th after 12:30pm until January 1st).

2026 BCTF New Teachers Conference

Vancouver - February 7 and Kelowna - May 9.

The conferences are designed specifically for teachers and teachers teaching on call in their first five years of teaching, as well as teacher candidates.

This year's conference theme of "**Unexpected Generosity**" centres relationality towards teaching and living well together.

Register [HERE](#)

[NVTA WILL PAY YOUR FEE](#)

Once registration is open, the NVTA will pay the registration fee for the first 40 teachers who attend. Email your receipt to office@nvta.ca for reimbursement.

NVTA OFFICE WINTER CLOSURE DATES

The NVTA Office will be closed for Winter Break
Friday, December 19, 2025 @ 3pm to Monday, January 5, 2026 @ 8 am

2026 NVTA Meetings

JANUARY

- 5 Schools reopen
- 21 NVTA Representative Assembly**
- 28 NVTA General Meeting**
- 30-31 BCTF Representative Assembly

FEBRUARY

- 13 District-Wide Pro-D Day**
- 16 Family Day Stat Holiday
- 18 NVTA Representative Assembly**

MARCH

- 11 NVTA Representative Assembly**
- 14-17 110th BCTF AGM
- 16-27 SPRING BREAK
- 30 Schools reopen

APRIL

- 3-6 Easter Weekend
- 15 NVTA Representative Assembly**
- 17-18 BCTF Zone Meetings

MAY

- 4 District-Wide Pro-D Day**
- 13 NVTA AGM & Social**
- 18 Victoria Day
- 20 NVTA Representative Assembly**
- 29-30 BCTF Representative Assembly

JUNE

- 8 NVTA Retirement Tea
- 17 NVTA Representative Assembly**
- 25 Last day of school
- 26 Administration Day

SECOND CALL FOR CANDIDATES

NVTA Delegates to the 2026 BCTF Annual General Meeting

Be part of the decision-making process of the BCTF at its AGM. This annual gathering of teachers from all parts of the province is an excellent opportunity for teachers to enjoy the company of hundreds of their colleagues while discussing and voting on recommendations and resolutions at the provincial level. Delegates will elect the BCTF Executive, set the fee for the following year, determine BCTF priorities, and set policies and procedures for our provincial organization.

WHEN: Sat., March 14 - Tues., March 17, 2026
WHERE: Hyatt Regency in downtown Vancouver

Delegates will be provided with a hotel room, per diem for meals and childcare, if needed.

The NVTA can elect 15 delegates who, along with our three NVTA Local Representatives, comprise our delegation. **Please consider putting yourself forward as a candidate and participating in the democratic processes of the Federation.**

The North Vancouver delegation will be elected at the January 28, 2026 NVTA General Meeting.

If interested, nomination/candidate's forms should be completed **no later than January 19, 2026** in order to have your statements typed and circulated to voting members before the January 28th NVTA General Meeting. (**CLICK HERE FOR THE FORM**) Candidates can also be nominated from the floor at the General Meeting.

For a nomination form, or for more information, please email office@nvta.ca.

NVTA GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026, 4-6pm

WHERE: PRESENTATION HOUSE
(333 Chesterfield Ave, North Vancouver)

WHAT: ELECT NVTA REPS TO THE BCTF AGM

It is important that all members attend!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Wishing everyone in our community
all the best in the new year!

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